

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kenneth L. Agee et al.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING LIGHT  
HYDROCARBONS INTO HEAVIER HYDROCARBONS WITH A  
PLURALITY OF SYNTHESIS GAS SUBSYSTEMS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility divisional patent application entitled "System and Method for Converting Light Hydrocarbons into Heavier Hydrocarbons with a Plurality of Synthesis Gas Subsystems" by Kenneth L. Agee and Mark A. Agee, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Related Application section with the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/538,609 filed March 29, 2000 entitled "System and Method for Converting Light Hydrocarbons into Heavier Hydrocarbons with a Plurality of Synthesis Gas Subsystems," pending.

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/126,996, filed March 30, 1999, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING LIGHT HYDROCARBONS INTO HEAVIER HYDROCARBONS WITH A PLURALITY OF SYNTHESIS GAS SUBSYSTEMS.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 10-13 and maintain Claims 1-9 and 14 in the instant application.

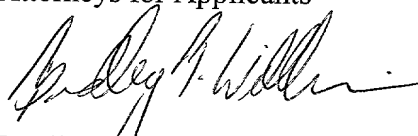
REMARKS

Early and favorable acceptance of this divisional application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF RELATED APPLICATION**

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